

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Nestor J. SANTI, ET AL.) : Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody
Application No.: 10/700,484) : Group Art Unit: 3679
Filed: November 5, 2003) : Confirmation No.: 7754
For: **HIGH-STRENGTH SEALED**) : December 12, 2008
 CONNECTION FOR EXPANDABLE :
 TUBULARS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION and
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated June 19, 2008, for three months from September 19, 2008, up to and including December 19, 2008. The statutory fee of \$1,110.00 for payment of the extension fee is being paid electronically. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following proposed amendments, under the letter and spirit of Rule 1.116. No new issues are raised and the following amendments are believed to place all claims in condition for allowance, as follows.